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BRAZIL

FIERCE FIGHTING AT SAO PAULO.

STORIES OF REFUGEES.

TURN HOTELS INTO HOSPITALS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, July 13.

A message from Santos states that the fighting at Sao Paulo has been most desperate. Refugees report that the casualties among troops and civilians amount to 3,000.

Hotels have been converted into hospitals, which are crowded with the wounded.

It is believed the rebels defending Sao Paulo number 34,000.

The Federal troops, there or en route, are estimated at 24,000.

RIO DE JANEIRO THREATENED.

BUENOS AYRES, July 14.

According to news from the frontier, persons arriving from Santos declare that 15,000 rebels at Sao Paulo, armed with artillery, are preparing to march on Rio de Janeiro. A Federal detachment of marines has been wiped out and 250 wounded are in hospital at Sao Paulo.

THIRD TEST MATCH.

VISITORS' UPHILL FIGHT.

TAYLOR'S FINE HATTING.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

At Leeds, in fine and cool weather before 1,000 spectators and on an excellent wicket, the second day's play commenced in the Third Test Match between England and South Africa.

The Afrikaners were all out (in their first innings) at five minutes past one. A feature of the innings was Taylor's clean cutting and driving; he was batting for 100 minutes and hit a six and 5 fours.

South Africa—1st innings.

Ward, b. Tate	17
Susskind, b. Gilligan	4
Nourse, run out	3
Taylor, ?	59
Catterall, c. Wood, b. Tate	20
Nupen, c. Wood, b. Tate	0
Pegler, l.b.w. Tate	0
Blanchenberg, b. Tate	0
Carter, c. Hendren, b. Macaulay	11
Figures and details for Commaille and Deane have been omitted in Reuter's cable, but between the two of them they must have scored 6 runs. One of them fell to Tate. The other (or Taylor) must have been run out.	6
Extras	3
Total	132

Bowling Analysis.

	R.	W.
A. E. R. Gilligan	27	1
Tate, M. W.	42	6
Macaulay, G. G.	23	1
Tyldesley, R.	37	0

The Follow On

The South Africans were made to follow-on. By the lunch interval, their score stood at 5 for no wicket—Commaille 2 and Ward 4, both not out.

Visitors' Recovery.

After lunch there were 3,000 spectators. Commaille batted most patiently for 100 minutes. He hit 4 fours.

The fourth wicket fell for 135 runs. Then Taylor and Catterall made an excellent stand, both hitting all-round the wicket. Taylor reached his 50 in an hour and 54 minutes and Catterall in an hour and 5 minutes.

South Africa 2nd Innings

Commaille, st. Wood, b. R. Tyldesley	31
Ward, l.b.w. R. Hearne	25
Susskind, l.b.w. R. Tyldesley	23
Nourse, c. Wood, b. K. Tyldesley	30
Taylor, not out	54
Catterall, not out	54
Extras	15
Total (for 4 wickets)	232

[England scored 396 in the 1st innings.] COUNTY FIXTURES.

At Kettering, Worcestershire defeated Northamptonshire by 25 runs. The winners scored 159 and 147 and the losers 103 and 98.

At Swansea, Glamorgan beat Derbyshire by an innings and 107. Glamorgan scored 427 (Riches 170, Arnot 102). In the first innings, Derby scored 169, and, following on, were disposed of for 151.

BRITISH TRADE

THE COLONIAL OUTLOOK.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

In reply to questions in the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for the Colonies, said it was too early yet to expect definite indications of the increase of exports to the Crown Colonies as the result of participation in the Empire Exhibition. Information in his possession however, induced the strongest belief that a large increase might be counted upon.

WORLD-FLIERS

BOTH PARTIES PROGRESSING.

(Reuter's Service.)

TOKYO, July 14.

Major McLaren has landed near Kashiwago Lake on Yotorofu Island, one of the Kurile group.

AMERICANS IN PARIS.

PARIS, July 14.

The American world fliers arrived here today.

WORLD'S SHIPPING

OUTPUT FIGURES FALL

FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY.

"SCRAPPING" THE CAUSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

A decrease in the world's tonnage, compared to last year, is shown in "Lloyd's Register of Shipping," which is being published on July 16.

This is the first time a decrease has been shown since the tables were compiled.

The total at the end of June was: 64,000,000 tons compared to 65,000,000 tons last year, including 19,000,000 tons for Britain and Ireland compared to 19,250,000 in 1923. The decrease is mainly due to the large amount of tonnage broken up.

SOME COMPARISONS.

Compared to 1914, the figures are Britain and Ireland 18,917,000 against 18,877,000; the British Dominions 2,213,000 against 1,407,000; the United States 11,823,000 against 1,837,000; France 3,193,000 against 1,918,000; Germany 2,856,000 against 5,098,000; Holland 2,533,000 against 1,471,000; Italy 2,676,000 against 1,428,000; Japan 3,955,000 against 1,642,000.

ZAGHLUL PASHA

READY TO NEGOTIATE.

BERLIN PLOT ALLEGED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, replying in the House of Commons to Mr. L. R. Lumley M.P., said that Zaghul Pasha had expressed his readiness to enter into negotiations with the British Government, but the date had not yet been fixed for the meeting.

BERLIN PLOT SUSPECTED.

CAIRO, July 14.

Documents have been discovered, which suggest that a conspiracy against Zaghul Pasha was hatched in Berlin.

Zaghul's condition is good, and he expects to be released from hospital in a few days. The police are searching the houses of a number of suspects.

Zaghul is making a splendid recovery. The wound is a slight one.

An extremist, Sheikh Shaweesli, and a few others have been arrested.

ADVERTISING.

CONVENTION MEETS IN LONDON.

PRINCE'S GREAT RECEPTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

The first international advertising convention in Europe, attended by over 5,000 delegates from all over the world, was opened today by the Prince of Wales in the Palace of Industry at Wembley, which was decorated with flowers and the flags of different countries participating. The Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for the Colonies, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Kellogg, were among those present.

The Prince of Wales had an enthusiastic reception, the assembly rising and singing the anthem and cheering for some minutes.

Lord Burnham welcomed the delegates.

The Prince of Wales said that advertising aimed at providing a worldwide free exchange of commodities at a lower cost of distribution, resulting in the elimination of waste, and the reduction of prices and unemployment.

Mr. Kellogg said he believed the Inter-Allied Conference in London would solve the greatest economic problem that had confronted Europe for generations.

Mr. Thomas welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Government.

H.M.S. "COCKCHAFFER."

WANHSIEN INCIDENT, RECALLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

Replying to Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., in the House of Commons, Mr. MacDonald said the Chinese Government had protested at the action and threats of the commander of H.M.S. "Cockchafer" at Wansien. The question of the publication of the Chinese despatch in this connection would be considered when the Commander-in-Chief's full report on the affair had been received.

[Note: After the murder of an American citizen by junk men at Wansien, the Commander of H.M.S. "Cockchafer" is alleged to have insisted on the execution of the leaders of the gang who attacked the American. Further the Chinese troop commanders were ordered to follow the cortege to the grave, on foot.]

HOTEL INCIDENT.

JAPANESE AT MOMBASA.

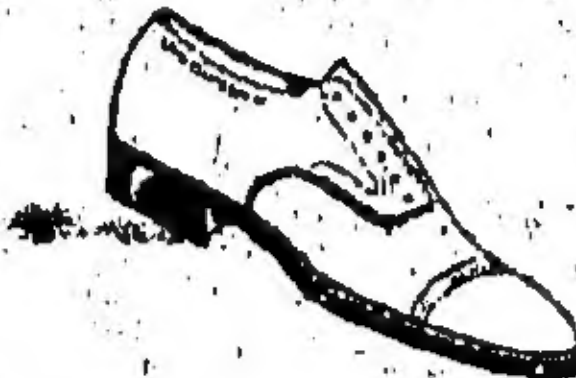
QUESTION IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. Joseph Batey M. P. for West Moor, Northumberland, the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for the Colonies, undertook to inquire into the allegation that the Japanese Consul for Africa had been refused hotel accommodation at Mombasa. The incident is alleged to have occurred on the occasion of the four of the Japanese Consul in East Africa.

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Captain Rietzki, from Peking.
Chuenyue, from Dairen.
Angam Kiuwah, from Kobe.
L. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent
dangkong, 3rd July, 1924.

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Maroon, from Shanghai.
Mattus Girman, c/o Elliott, from
Chicago.

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M. E. F. AIREY,
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Hongkong, 10th July, 1924.

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ODDS AND ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.****Tricycle Ices.**

Have you seen the flying ice-
cream squad? asks the *Daily News*.
They scout the suburbs on box
tricycles full of ice-cream in bricks,
brickettes and tubs. "Stop me and
buy one!" says a notice on the
front of the machine. "We sell
thousands every day," one of the
cyclists said. "I take three or four
pounds every day, and when the
hot weather comes I shall be busier
than ever."

Lahej to Wembley.

Though few folk in this country
know much, perhaps, of the Sultan
of Lahej, now on his way to
Wembley, he is a personage of some
importance east of Suez, his little
kingdom lying just northwest of
Aden, which stronghold was at one
time part of his dominions (says the
Daily Chronicle). Situated in a rich
oasis, abundantly watered, Lahej
does a big business in cotton, as
well as in vegetables and fodder
for the Aden market, the lucky
cultivators contriving to extract
three crops a year from the amaz-
ingly fertile soil. The Sultan has a
huge palace at Howta, the domes
and cupolas of which are visible on
a clear day from Aden—27 miles
away.

Shopping in Mid-Ocean.

Shopping facilities similar to
those enjoyed by first-class passen-
gers on big Cunarders are now
possible to third-class travellers.
A kiosk is in operation in the
third-class quarters of the "Aqui-
tania," which left Southampton for
New-York and similar kiosk will
be installed in the "Berengaria,"
the "Mauretania," and other ships.
A trained woman assistant is in at-
tendance, and passengers can pur-
chase a large selection of articles
likely to be of use during the
voyage. Confectionery, tobacco,
books, magazines, postcards, pens,
pencils, wool, sewing material,
small articles of wear, such as
caps, hats, and canvas shoes, are
to be found in the stock of these
new Atlantic ocean stores.

"The King of Song."

A group of young poets, writers,
and musicians, led by Mr. Osbert
Sittwell, Mr. Sacheverell Sittwell,
and Miss Edith Sittwell, waited on
Challapin, the great Russian singer,
at the Savoy Hotel recently to pay
homage to him. "We take the
occasion of your all too brief visit
to these shores," said Mr. Osbert
Sittwell, "to lay this laurel wreath,
the classic emblem of your
supremacy, at your feet. You, Sir,
are the King of Song, and we are
your faithful lieges." In replying
Challapin was so anxious to express
his appreciation that he spoke in
three languages—Russian, French
and English. Asked whether there
were no English singers who might
be honoured by Chelsea, Mr.
Osbert Sittwell replied that there
was no one who approached
Challapin. "Both as an actor and
a singer he is supreme."

Holy Ground.

Glastonbury is the birth-place
of British Christianity. The
first impression is apt to be dis-
appointing. It is less picturesque
than Wells, more crowded and
modern, but the stiff climb to the
top of Tor Hill soon gives us back
the Glastonbury of old. Standing
there, we realise that this was
the island valley of Avilion;
Where falls not hail, or rain, or
any snow,
Nor ever wind blows loudly; but
it lies
Deep-meadow'd, happy, fair with
orchard lawns
And bowery hollows, crown'd
with summer sea,
There are other tors around us.
Weary-Ail, Challice, St. Edmund's.
The town lies in the valley, and
then, far as we can see, stretches
low moorland, once covered with
water, only the high places stand-
ing up as islands. On top of the
tor is a ruined tower, all that re-
mains of a little church of great
antiquity. We go down the hill
and seek the Abbey ruins, and we
feel not only the thrill of romance,
but a great reverence, as we re-
member that Christ has been wor-
shipped here from the early British
days. As Professor Freeman
says—"There was never a moment
when men of any race bowed to
Woden in the Isle of Avalon." The
same cannot be said even of his-
toric Canterbury; but the Saxons
did not reach Ynyswytyn until
they had accepted Christianity.
As we stand first upon the holy
ground, trying to imagine what
these buildings before they fell
into decay, a series of pictures
from the past come crowding upon
us, legend intermingling with his-
tory, in this the home of legend.
In imagination we see Joseph of
Arimathea and his twelve com-
panions pausing to rest on Weary-
Ail Hill, and Joseph thrusting his
staff into the ground. Avaragus,
who rules under the Roman viceroy,
sees that "they have journeyed
far and are of modest demeanour,"
and so he allows them to settle
and gives to each of them a hido
of land. We picture them building
their little church of wood and
wattle twisted in and out, on the
very site of the fine ruins of St.
Joseph's Chapel.—Fodden Tindall
in the *Sunday at Home*.

A Lighthouse Builder.

Two hundred years ago was born
John Smeaton, an engineer, who
created his own monument in the
third Eddystone Lighthouse (says
the *Daily Chronicle*). Smeaton's
genius was almost lost to the nation
as his father, an attorney, was
desirous that his son should follow
the law, but, fortunately John
Smeaton was allowed to follow his
natural bent, rising to eminence
from the humble position of a
mathematical instrument maker.

The Cecils and Hatfield.

There are not many places in
England where it is so easy to
imagine oneself back in the
"spacious days" of Queen Elizabeth
as Hatfield, where the Marquess
and Marchioness of Salisbury gave
an Elizabethan fete recently. The
Palace close by Hatfield House,
which was old when the Tudors
reigned and beautified it, and is
still, although its great hall has
been used as a stable, much as it
was when James I. exchanged the
magnificent Hatfield for the small
Manor of Theobalds.

Mrs Rosita Forbes on Impressions.

Asking Rosita Forbes, the travel-
ler-author, about the books she
would take on her holiday, I
gathered that she never read any-
thing about a country before visit-
ing it (says Sewell Stokes in *T.P.'s*
and *Cassell's Weekly*). "I like to get
my impressions from inside first,
not outside!" she said. "One's
own first impressions are so
important."

The Prince and Canada.

Unless something unforeseen
should arise in the meantime, the
Prince of Wales proposes to sail
for Canada early in September, to
visit his ranch, and will be absent
from this country for about six
weeks. There is some talk of
Prince Henry accompanying his
elder brother (says the *Star*) if he
can obtain the necessary leave from
his military duties. Considerable
improvements are being carried out
at the ranch, and a number of
thoroughbred mares, and stallions
have been shipped from Liverpool.
The Prince's experiments in horse
breeding have proved most suc-
cessful.

A Successful Prophet.

Mr. Arnold Bennett, who is 57
possesses the knack of utter-
ing true prophecies about him-
self. When he had published
only one novel, "A Man from the
North," he told a friend he meant
to make £5,000 a year by fiction,
relates the *Star*. "I often used to
say to my friends," Mr. Bennett
replies, "as soon as I am free
enough I shall go and live in
Paris." I doubt if I had any
genuine intention of going. But
it was my habit to make such idle
forecasts and boasts; seemingly
they convinced everybody but my-
self. "I think now that something
subconscious must have prompted
them. They have all been justified
by events. Thus, from the age of
25 and onwards I used to say, 'I
shall marry at 40.' By a
sheer accident I did happen to
marry at 40."

Moscow Musings.

Naturally there is talk in Lon-
don and elsewhere of a Com-
munist plot stimulated by
"Russian gold." It would be
interesting to know exactly how
much communion there is between
the leader of avowed revolution
in this country and the followers
of Lenin. As a matter of fact, I
think it will be found that nothing
much in the way of "supplies" of
money has reached this country
except that some time ago a
mysterious individual called on
one of the Communist leaders and
deposited with him a cash present
of something like \$1,000. No
explanation was given beyond a
bald statement that the present was
to be used for "The Cause." It
all sounds very romantic and
wonderful, but beyond this, I
fancy, nothing much happened to
support the bright hopes once built
upon the Third International.
Then it was imagined that "The
Day after tomorrow," and that
Buckingham Palace would soon
be used as a museum. Alas! how
futile in all looks.

AT TEETHING TIME**Your Baby Needs The Help****BABY'S OWN TABLETS GIVE.**

It is pitiful the sufferings so many
children endure when their teeth are
coming through, now with Baby's
Own Tablets ready at hand any parent
is able to speedily alleviate these tooth-
ing pangs and thus bring peace and com-
fort to the tortured little one. Read
this mother's evidence:—

"My baby was very ill when cutting
his teeth and grew very restless with
tooth-rash, inflamed mouth and
irritation," writes Mrs. W. Fellam,
of Macclesfield, Manchester. "He was
unable to take food for two days owing
to inflamed mouth, but after giving him
Baby's Own Tablets the sore mouth soon
healed and his health improved in every
way."

Many other mothers tell of similar ex-
periences. Baby's Own Tablets also
have remarkable record as a remedy
for various ailments of infants and
young children, as simple fever, indiges-
tion, constipation, colic, vomiting,
diarrhoea, cramp, colds and worms. They
are gentlest of medicines, being also truly
free from opium, cocaine, or other
injurious drugs. Of champagne, or post-
free, 6d cents the box from Dr. Williams'
Medicine Co., 65, Kingsway Road,
Shanghai.

Red Indians "Pow-Wow."

Ten thousand American Indians
held their first national "pow-
wow" at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Never
since the "pac faces" landed on
this side has there been such a
formidable gathering of red men.
They arrived from all parts of the
country with their squaws and
paposes, some rich and some
poor, all wearing tribal garb. The
Osages, made rich by oil, arrived
in costly limousines. In the big
peace conference the warriors and
representatives of fast-diminishing
races buried their hatchets and had
a good time together.

The New Cult.

Comment on the behaviour of
undergraduates and their friends
at the performances of the Old
Vic Opera Company at Oxford was
made in the *Isis*, the Oxford
University weekly review, as
follows: "Half the occupants
of reserved seats considered it
necessary to arrive late. They
pushed, they remonstrated, they
bought programmes, and argued
over their change. Rarely has
Oxford so disgraced itself. If we
cannot attain to the culture of the
New Cult, at least let us try to
imitate its courtesy."

Singular Insurance Case.

If a man who robs another man
of his wife's affections is killed by
the deceived husband, can his heirs
claim the amount of the insurance
policy effected on his life? This
very interesting point had to be
settled by the eighth tribunal of
the Seine. The insurance policy
was taken out against accidents,
and the question was put as to
whether the insured had met his
death by an accident. Counsel
for the insurance company, which
had refused to pay the heirs the
amount of the policy, argued that
it was not from an accident that
the man had died, that he had met
his death through his own fault in
that he had committed a "repre-
hensible act which led to it. The
Court, however, thought otherwise.
It found that, though the man had
without any doubt, been guilty
of what it called a "forbidden
liaison," the cause of the accident
could not be sought for in the
motives, which had caused death.
The insurance company was there-
fore, ordered to pay the amount of
the policy.

Joanna Southcott's Box.

The Joanna Southcott move-
ment issued a letter which
they have received in reply to a
national petition sent by them on
May 28 to the Archbishop of
Canterbury. They state that
copies of the petition were also
sent to the King, the Prime
Minister, the Lord Chief Justice,
and all the bishops. The Arch-
bishop's letter was as follows:
"I have your letter of May 28,
together with a printed statement
about the petition which has reached
Lambeth. I must repeat, what
I have at least twenty times
reiterated to yourself and others,
my strong view that the box you
possess, or somebody possesses,
ought to be opened in order to get
this controversy ended; but I have
refused, and continue to refuse, to
summon twenty-four bishops to sit
round and watch the procedure of
opening the box. You will remem-
ber that I have expressed myself
again upon the subject, and I need
not write it afresh. I can produce
scores of letters, if necessary, to
show that I have honestly done
my part (short of acting in a way
which I should regard as partly
profane and partly fantastic) to
meet the wishes of those, whoever
they be, who have control of the
box, or boxes, for my correspond-
ents tell me that there are rival
boxes. You are quite at liberty to
publish this letter if you so desire."

Finger-Prints For All?

Once more the question of the
registration of finger-prints of all
French citizens is to the fore. The
latest proposal is that registration
could be brought about if all
electors' cards bore the owners'
finger-prints: It is further pro-
posed that the Bertillon system
should be applied to all demands
for permits to conduct business or to
obtain railway privileges, leases,
marriage licences, or birth registra-
tions. If these suggestions were
carried out half of the French
population would have their finger-
prints registered. What, ap-
parently, has revived this question
of finger-printing is the difficulty
experienced by the police in
identifying a large number of
persons—the percentage is put at
seventy—found murdered or
drowned. This difficulty has
moved the police to give their
support to a general system of
finger-printing, and should this
idea be applied it may conceivably
cause a revolution of police
methods in other countries besides
France. It is claimed that the
adoption of the method would
result in thousands of offenders
wanted by the police for various
offences being discovered. At the
present moment the finger-prints
of nearly 300,000 French citizens
are registered. It seems that these
were obtained when "culprits
were arrested, and also from
identification cards, which were
issued two years ago in order
to facilitate travelling to European
countries.

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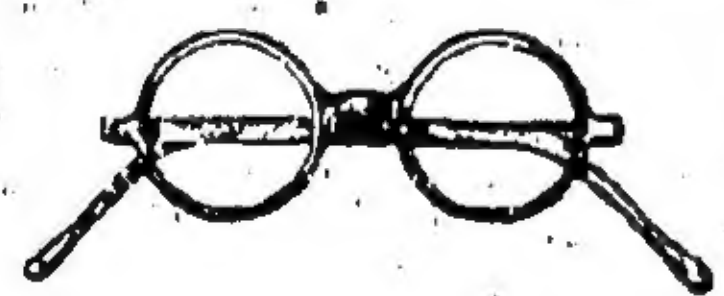
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DEBTS THAT ARE NEVER PAID.

Prosaic souls who weakly pay their debts every month cannot but envy the sang-froid with which many people appear to evade their liabilities. Nor can they fail to marvel at the excuses these feckless ones advance. Not so many months ago we had one gentleman coolly blaming "the damnable chit system" in the East for his defaults, ignoring with superb impudence the fact that he had been long enough out here to have become aware of the pitfalls before he plunged into debt. Now from Shanghai comes another illuminating example. Charged with having obtained goods under false pretences, a young man airily replies, "Of course it is easy to obtain credit in Shanghai—it is exceedingly easy. Every Tom, Dick and Harry may have it for

the asking. But that is the general rule from Suez to Yokohama, and I fail to see how your Worship can convict a man because he makes use of the privilege." That young man has gone to jail for three months, not because he used the privilege, but because he abused it flagrantly. And if justice were done there are many others who should share his fate.

Debt is not in itself a crime. Some people undoubtedly run into debt through sheer improvidence and the ready temptation of easy credit. But there are those who deliberately make heavy purchases never intending to pay for the goods received. They have planned to leave the East before payment is sought. Shipping companies make it a rule not to send the newspapers' passenger lists until the steamer has sailed. It is therefore easy enough to buy goods to-day, order the bill to be sent later, and sail away to-morrow. And, as we remarked once before when a certain citizen fled the Colony some years ago,

you would be surprised to hear how often it is done—and to hear by whom it is often done.

Now, the financial loss apart, these little incidents, as we have repeatedly pointed out, have very serious effects. First they breed distrust with the European traders. Then, what is still more serious, they damage the European's prestige with the Chinese. Naturally the Chinese are heavy losers. It is delicate enough for a European firm to inform a customer, holding (say) a good commercial or official position, that his credit is doubtful. For a Chinese firm in most cases it is almost impossible. With these incidents happening nearly every day, the loss our prestige suffers with the Chinese can only be guessed.

But the purely financial loss must not be ignored; it is far too big to be lightly discounted. Every sound trading concern makes provision for bad debts. If these bad debts are heavy then the business must find the money to cover them. Here the bad debts are startling. They amount to thousands annually. Unless the business is to close down because its legitimate profits are drained by bad debts, that annual loss must be recovered from the consumer. That means that the whole community suffers. In other words, when you buy anything you are also paying a small margin extra to cover the debt the man next to you never intends to pay.

We have stressed the evil often enough; now we will again point out the remedy. Drastic measures requiring drastic cures. Unfortunately, owing to peculiar local conditions, it is difficult to enforce the most drastic cure. That is a trade protection society organized exactly as it would be organized in a Rome city. What we would again suggest, however, is a trade protection society with just enough scope to cope with the evil itself. This group must embrace the Chinese. It has been argued that a trade protection society here would lower the European community's dignity with the Chinese, but we repeat that it could not possibly lower it as quickly as do the present repeated impudent frauds, for that is what most of them are.

Motor Boat Service.

A complaint having reached the *China Mail* regarding the alleged lack of supervision in the running of certain motor-boats in the harbour, the question arises whether it would not be advantageous to have the many different services under one organisation. Companies which operate from Blake Pier have some sort of common understanding but there are many other similar concerns which have boats plying from other wharves. Since the Government has seen fit to let out by tender the Chinese ferry services and the motor-bus traffic in Kowloon it must be acknowledged, by no means easy to swallow. Jonathan Swift, about 200 years ago, hit the nail in this connection fairly well on the head when he wrote:

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the college. The reading matter in future issues, it is hoped, will be supplied by the teachers and pupils past and present, although contributions will always be welcome from well-wishers. The first issue, it is true, does not contain many articles by the students themselves, but then possibly it was thought advisable to set a high standard for the younger generation to follow. The editor-in-chief is Mr. Lim Hoy-lan, while his associates are Mr. D. S. Kwan, L.L.B., O.B., and Mr. Kong Chung-tung, who is in charge of the Chinese section. Mr. Lim has contributed the introduction, "Our Alma Mater" and five other instructive articles. Mrs. A. E. Matthews writes of "Alfred, Lord Tennyson"; Ng Tai-ping tells his readers of the "three things which a good wife should resemble, and yet those three things she should not resemble. To wit:—

"She should be like a town clock—keep time and regularity.

She should not, however, be like a town clock—speak so loudly that all the town may hear her.

She should be like a snail—prudent, and keep within her own house. She should not be like a snail—carry all she has upon her back.

She should be like an echo—speak when spoken to; but she should not be like an echo—determined always to have the last word.

The experiences of "Wanderer" will appeal to many, while his advice is sound on the whole. Finally, Miss A. H. Ismail writes on "Let Ideas Come to Light."

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Having read ARTISTIC that the Government is at long last inviting tenders for the completion of the Fire Brigades building, people are now asking how much truth there was in the rumour that the Forestry Department at one time intended to reclaim the site in order to protect the shrubs and young trees which have been springing up there as gaily as the flowers that bloom in the Spring.

Perhaps one of our unofficial members will frame a query. The Colony has become so accustomed to this picturesque ruin with its charming foliage that it seems almost a pity to turn it over to a soulless contractor.

Shameen is absent minded laughing over an amusing incident that happened the other day. A member of the local club, paying his monthly bill, made out a comproadore order for the amount and sent it to the secretary in the usual way. Later he was staggered to learn that instead of filling in the amount due, he had actually written "supply goods to the value of"—making the figure 1. Back to barter with a vengeance.

The newest thing in wireless is a RADIO. A midget, radio set, the antennae of which may be worn inside one's hat. Otto Maresch, the German inventor of the set, claims that by use of it, it is possible for persons to walk in city or country and, with receivers adjusted to their ears, hear concerts, news and other radio programmes which are being broadcasted. One company which started manufacturing the midget set received 40,000 orders the first week. The demand for them is so great that other firms are also making them by thousands. Herr Maresch says that it is quite likely that within a few months it will be possible to manufacture an even smaller radio set.

While appreciating AND SO ON, that the basic ideas of the Einstein theory are quite difficult to grasp, yet the view recently advanced by Captain See, in an attempted rebuttal of this theory, that the "etheron" is 4000 times smaller than a hydron molecule, is itself, it must be acknowledged, by no means easy to swallow. Jonathan Swift, about 200 years ago, hit the nail in this connection fairly well on the head when he wrote:

So, naturalists observe, a flea
Has smaller fleas that on him prey;
And these have smaller still to bite 'em;
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PROBATE ACTION.

CURIOUS DISPUTE OVER WILL.

TESTATOR BROWBEATEN?

The Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) sat in Probate Jurisdiction at the Supreme Court this morning to hear a case in which the plaintiff was Rosa de Lima Gutierrez and defendants were Maria Emilia Gutierrez, Francisco Maria Gutierrez and Cecilia Maria Gutierrez.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Deacons and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Britton, appeared for the defendants.

Plaintiff claimed to be the sole executrix appointed by the last will and testament, bearing date January 20, 1920, of Francisco Maria Gutierrez, broker, deceased. The testator died on April 29, 1923. A will was issued against the defendants, because they entered a caveat and alleged they were the natural and lawful children of deceased and were his next of kin. Plaintiff claimed that the Court should decree probate of the said will.

In his opening statement, Mr. Potter went into his filed defence at great length. This defence stated, *inter alia*, that the execution of the said alleged will was obtained by the undue influence of the plaintiff. The plaintiff took advantage of the illiberal physical and mental state of the deceased, his memory having been greatly impaired. It was alleged that her influence over deceased was so complete that he was not a free agent. Further, the defence claimed, that the will was not the offspring of his own volition but was obtained by the importunity of the plaintiff. She assumed control and management of the deceased's house and compelled the servants to obey her orders. She prevented the near relatives and friends of deceased having access to him at his house and seeing him save in her presence. During his illness she treated the deceased with roughness and decreased became completely bowed in her presence.

In the alternative, the defendants say that the deceased, under the coercion of plaintiff, was induced to make and did make the will leaving all his property to the plaintiff and it was accepted by her that she would hold his estate upon trust for herself for life and after her death, that the estate should be divided amongst the defendants—the children of the deceased—in equal shares.

After Mr. Potter had opened his case and proposed to call evidence, Mr. Alabaster raised a query as to two dates on which he wished Mr. Potter to be precise, or approximately precise, so that he would know exactly what the pleadings were and would know how to conduct his cross-examination. An argument ensued as to whether what Mr. Potter had said in his opening speech was sufficient indication of his pleadings and Mr. Potter smilingly referred to what he described as his learned friend's liking for cross-examination him (Mr. Potter).

TYPHOONS.

WARNINGS STILL SHOW THEIR PROXIMITY.

There are still indications that the typhoon season may break at any moment. At 6 o'clock this morning, a typhoon was 100 miles east of Keelung, moving westward. Another is shown about 100 miles east of Koshu, the direction being unknown. The typhoon in the Pacific, according to the Royal Observatory report, appears to be curving to the west.

At 5.30 last evening, a warning was issued of a typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 25° N., Long. 123° E., moving west.

At 11.45 a.m., this morning, the warning had identically the same wording, though it read slightly different at 8 a.m.

The forecast for the 14 hours from noon to-day is: variable winds, freshening from N.W., with rain at times.

BASEBALL IN U.S.

LATEST RESULTS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, July 14.
The following are the latest results at baseball—
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Cleveland.....0 Washington.....12
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Chicago.....0 New York.....7
St. Louis.....12 Brooklyn.....0

RESTLESS TROOPS.

GUERRILLA WARFARE IN KWANGTUNG.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Many parts of Kwangtung have been subjected to guerilla warfare during the last few days. Aside from battles in the Southern Districts in Yeping and Hoiping, where Dr. Sun Yat-sen's troops suffered a reverse at the beginning, fighting among nominal followers of Dr. Sun themselves has also taken place. In Kaukung, a West River town, Dr. Sun's mercenaries, one faction led by Pao Wing-kwong and another led by Ng Sun-king, fought for the privilege of controlling the gambling and opium traffic there. So far they only made trouble outside the town, and the Merchants' Volunteers of the town and those from the neighbourhood are watching the situation to prevent looting. In Kwongling, the retiring magistrate was leading 700 to 800 of his former troops against his successor, a Dr. Sun appointee. In Yingtak and Tsungshin, the mercenaries from Yunnan and Hunan last week succeeded in ousting magistrates appointed by Dr. Sun's Civil Governor. In Shuntak, however, Dr. Sun did not lose face. His men sent to defend that district arrived at Yungkei and Kweichow amid the welcome of the town guards and inhabitants there. Districts along the West River above Shihing were not altogether favourable to Dr. Sun when last heard from, and some of General Chen Ching-ming's men had arrived at Loting. Dr. Sun despatched troops from Shihing up the West River late last week. Report has been current in Canton the last few days that more Hunanese mercenaries were coming to reinforce Dr. Sun in Kwangtung.

JUDGES AND POLITICS.

HOBSON'S CHOICE IN CANTON.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The desire of the judicial officials in Canton to avoid party politics and refrain from joining the Kuomintang is not to be respected, and a Kuomintang Club among the members of the Canton courts will be organized. The Kuomintang Party is headed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Members of the judicial department of the Canton Government met in the court room of the Kwangtung High Court in Canton, July 13, to elect three representatives from this branch to the Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, and among those who addressed the judges and other officers of the Canton courts was Civil Governor Liao Chung-hoi, who is also Chief of the Labour Division of the Kuomintang Party. The result of the balloting was that Attorney-General Lum Wun-ko received 137 votes; District Judge Luk Chi-tsang, 132 votes; and District Attorney Ow Yuk-Shue, 117 votes. These gentlemen were duly declared elected judicial official representatives to the Kuomintang.

The more influential judicial officials, however, have been opposed to the judicial branch of the Government joining actively in politics. Dr. Chao S. Bok, a Columbia University law graduate, resigned from his position as Chief Justice of the South China Supreme Court and departed from Canton altogether last month as a protest against Dr. Sun Yat-sen insisting upon everybody in Canton joining the Kuomintang. It is also understood that Presiding Judge Chan Yung of the Kwangtung High Court also believes in judges freeing themselves from party obligations, and this might be the cause of his absence from the meeting in his court room last Sunday.

NOT HIS.

When Mr. E. S. Carter, engineer, P.W.D. appeared at the Yumati Police Court this morning in answer to a charge of driving a motor car on the wrong side of the road in Shanghai Street on June 29 he told the Magistrate that although it was apparently still registered under his name he had sold the cycle in April and had not ridden it since. He believed that it had been sold again but he did not know to whom.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs Joseph Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations ruling on the Shanghai market this morning—

Ts. Buyers.
Langkate.....18 Buyers.
Ewos.....10.90 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks 104 Buyers.
New Engineering 6 1/2 Buyers.
Orientals.....3 1/4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 55 Buyers.

LUNAR ECLIPSE.

EXPECTED NEXT MONTH.

COLLABORATION SOUGHT.

The China Mail is in receipt of the following copy of a letter from Professor Fisher, of Harvard University, on the subject of the total lunar eclipse expected between August 14 and 15. In forwarding the letter, Mr. Claxton, of the Royal Observatory, writes: "I trust the appeal will meet with a ready response from all shipmasters in the China Sea and between Formosa and Japan. Also from amateur observers along the south coast of China."

Prof. Fisher's Letter.
Since it has long been known that the illumination of the moon during total eclipse, or within the earth's umbra, is due to light passing through the earth's atmosphere over the sunrise-sunset line, it has often been suggested that the weather along the sunrise-sunset line be studied, for the interpretation of the peculiarities of this illumination. This, however, has never been done; and, indeed, to collect information about the weather along the whole sunrise-sunset line, over all the terrestrial area swept by the great circle during an eclipse of the moon, would be an expensive and laborious task, even if the very high latitudes through which it always passes were not inaccessible.

But a small beginning can be made, by determining the weather in those neighbourhoods of the earth's surface which are responsible for the illumination of the moon's limb at the four contacts with the shadow.

During the approaching total eclipse of August 14, 1924, these regions are located about the following positions:

Contact	Sun	Long.	Lat.
1	set	W. 82°	- 60°
2	set	W. 210°	+ 1.7°
3	rise	E. 126.3°	+ 27.1°
4	rise	E. 114.0°	+ 19.0°

Location on Map.

- A. South Atlantic Ocean
- B. South Atlantic Ocean
- D. West of Naha, Liu Kiu Islands.
- E. North China Sea, east of Hainan.

It is desired to know at least the state of the sky (at sunrise on August 15) as to cloudiness, transparency and colour, overhead and all around, at as many points as possible in the regions indicated in the table, together with the geographical position of each observer, on sea or land. If there could be added the meteorological elements, the kinds of clouds visible, and the amount of each cloud, also the character of the anti-twilight and twilight glows, so much the better.

Should the sky be completely overcast (at sunrise) information to that effect is just as important as information about any smaller amount of cloud or none at all.

MARK TWAIN FILM.

THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER HERE.

It's Mark Twain's great book, "The Prince and the Pauper," deserves the author's description as "a story for young people of all ages," not less does the film now showing at the Coronet Theatre under the same name, the producers having caught the spirit which animated the original work and with rare skill infused it into the picture. Those who do not know the story of "The Prince and the Pauper" will be interested in a brief summary of a tale that will never die. Its principal figures are two boys who bear a marvellous resemblance to each other, though one is heir to the English throne and the other is Tom Canty, the son of a thief. The period is 1537. The two boys meet in a plausible manner and the Prince in a spirit of mischief orders Tom to change clothes with him that he may explore Tom's haunts while the latter remains in the Palace attired in the royal robes. Then the drama begins. For the Prince cannot return to the Palace, nor can Tom escape. Neither boy is believed when he tells the truth about his identity and each is thought to be mad. The efforts of the Prince to escape from the lawless band who hold him and return to his rightful place provide many exciting incidents as well as some very pathetic moments; while Tom's sorry attempts at princely dignity are highly amusing. This fascinating story of mistaken identity is played in magnificent settings—palaces, courtyards, cathedrals and picturesque streets. Altogether "The Prince and the Pauper" is one of the most notable pictures of the year.

EVE OF CONFERENCE.

CAREFULLY-WORDED SPEECHES.

PREMIER ON DELICATE POSITION.

SENSITIVENESS OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

In the House of Commons to-day, carefully worded speeches were made by Mr. H. Asquith and Mr. Stanley Baldwin on the resumption of the Foreign Office estimate debate, with the evident desire not to embarrass the Government on the eve of the Inter-Allied Conference. Mr. Asquith urged that any assurance in regard to security given to France ought to be part of Britain's general undertaking under the League Covenant. Secondly, similar security should be offered to Germany. Thirdly, Germany must be admitted to membership of the League and to a seat on the council. The Empire should guarantee France and Germany.

Mr. Asquith emphasised the desirability of consulting the Empire and carrying it with us in order to achieve the object of the League. Mr. Baldwin expressed sympathy with Mr. Asquith's argument.

PREMIER'S REPLY.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said the question whether the Dawes Report sought to impose on Germany obligations not legally within the interpretation of the Treaty of Versailles would be reported on by legal experts to the Conference.

He said France had come to regard the Treaty of Versailles as something akin to the Ark Covenant. Any suggestion to put it aside aroused amazing fears; similar feeling was entertained as regards any suggested modification of the operations of the Reparations Commission. We must, however, be most careful that France does not extend legal provisions of the Treaty.

With reference to the probability of American participation, Mr. MacDonald said practical difficulties alone would prevent an official appointment at present. The only thing hitherto clear was that if there was going to be an American on the Reparations Commission, France would insist on an extra appointment to it by reason of the fact that the experts' report could only be put into operation on the footing of the £40,000,000 loan, his duties being confined to safeguarding the creditors. With reference to an alternative arbitration proposal, it must be remembered that the Reparation Agent would have command of every conceivable particle of information, enabling him to give judgment whether there was wilful default or not.

VAGUE LANGUAGE.

Mr. MacDonald said the language of the White Paper was left purposely vague. The minimum they were seeking was satisfactory security for the creditor. The minimum change would be an American on the Reparation Commission with the power to speak and vote when default was being considered. The Spa Agreement certainly would not be re-considered in London. He was most anxious that these questions would not be quarrelled about as a preliminary to the Inter-Allied Conference at which the Dawes Report alone would be considered and put into operation.

The Reparations Commission was political rather than judicial. Certain matters in regard to the Ruhr Commission had been scrapped. Subsequent action would be taken not by the Reparation Commission but by the governments acting not together but on their own initiative. Undermining security by political action was a problem to be faced.

The position he took up was that a creditor should have security which would be satisfactory to him.

The preparation of the programme of sanctions would only mean giving Germany warning how in the event of default she would be punished. All they could hope was that the Conference, which was beginning on Wednesday, would be regarded as a non-recurrent opportunity not only for the Allies to reunite, but to unite on the work of pacifying Europe.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S VIEWS.

Mr. Austin Chamberlain, after the recital of what he described as Mr. MacDonald's errors, in view of their avoidance in the future, proceeded to outline the policy which he recommended for consideration of the Premier.

Firstly, he said, they should frankly accept and uphold the Versailles Treaty as the only possible basis for public law in Europe. Secondly, they should make the maintenance of the entente with France the cardinal object of their policy.

Thirdly, they should make Germany's observance of her obligations no less a cardinal feature; and in return, if Germany accepted and loyally fulfilled the obligation now presented, we should be prepared to respect Germany's integrity and welcome her back to the comity of nations.

They should seek to secure the association of the United States wherever possible. The speaker suggested that another Dawes Committee, appointed by the Reparations Commission, might prove a hopeful way of securing the results desired.

The Foreign Office vote was eventually agreed to and the debate terminated.

SINGAPORE BASE.

QUESTIONS IN LORDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 14.

In the House of Lords, attention was called by Lord Linnithgow to the advertisements appearing in the Straits Settlements newspapers for material for the Singapore base. He said such advertisements caused concern in Britain and the Dominions because it had been understood that Government's decision was not final.

Lord Chelmsford, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the advertisement did not indicate any change of policy. The material was replaceable from home in a few weeks if necessary. The Government was actively considering the best means of applying the Premier's general pacific policy.

OLYMPIAD.

LATEST RESULTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, July 14.

In the first round of the lawn tennis competition, the Alonso brothers (Spain) beat Kingeote and Wheatley (Great Britain) 6/4, 6/3 and 6/1.

Mr. Covell and Miss McKane (Great Britain) beat the Americans Mrs. Jessup and Miss Joes 6/1 and 6/2.

Rohrer and Gottlieb (Czechoslovakia) beat Woosnam and Godfrey (Great Britain) 6/3, 6/4 and 6/2.

In the second round, Williams (America) beat Hadi (India) 6/0, 6/2 and 6/1.

TEAPOT DOME.

U.S. OIL SCANDALS RECALLED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, July 14.

The Supreme Court of Columbia has sustained six of the ten counts of the indictment against Senator Sinclair for contempt of the Senate in connection with the Teapot Dome leases.

The Court ruled out as irrelevant, questions asked the defendant about alleged contributions of Sinclair stock to some one representing the republican national committee.

INJURED FIREMEN.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

Of the firemen injured in Saturday night's conflagration in the Western district, five have been discharged from the Government Civil Hospital and four remain.

Among those still at the Hospital is Mr. G. C. Moss, Station Officer at the Central Fire Station. None of them is seriously injured. Mr. Moss has sustained injuries to the legs.

BAND CONCERT.

Owing to a misunderstanding, it was erroneously announced in the morning papers to-day, that the Kowloon Band Concert, which had to be postponed last night owing to inclement weather, was to take place on Thursday next. This is not so; Kowloon's first concert will take place on Monday, July 28, at 9 p.m.

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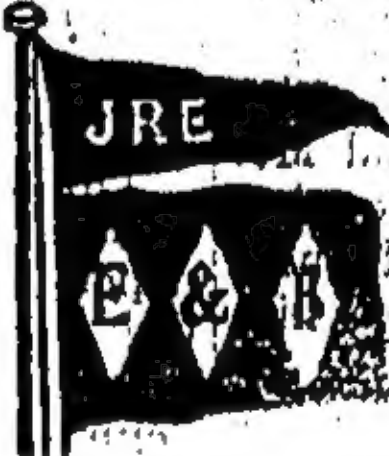
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Halibut, — Wong Fa Yu	"	28	17
Hake, — Wu Yu	"	68	32
Shrimps, — Lung Ha	"	60	23
Haddock, — Chi Yu	"	38	30
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	"	44	32
Mullet, — Tai Yu	"	30	18
Myxine, — Shang Ho	"	24	16
Parrot Fish, — Kai Kung Yu	"	26	14
Perch, — Tau Lo	"	20	20
Pike, — Fa Pau Fong	"	16	18
Salmon, — Fan Yu	"	42	28
Smelt, Black, — Huk Chong	"	40	26
Smelt, White, Pak Cheung	"	52	26
Sparrow, — Ming Ha	"	80	36
Squid, — Pal Pa Sha	"	30	10
Sturgeon Fish, — Shek Kau Kung	"	32	12
Sole, — Chun Yu	"	38	22
Salmon, — Ma Yu	"	65	30
Sardine, — Sha Yu	"	18	6
Sardine, — Po Yu	"	18	10
Sardine, — Ha	"	45	26
Sardine, — Lap Yu	"	55	32
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" Red, — Hung Ya Chiu	...	" 12	10	—
" Green, — Ching Lai Chiu	...	" 10	8	12
Cherry Stuff, English, — Ka Li Che Lue	...	lb 10	10	10
Cauliflowers, — Ching Kwa	...	each 8	8	—
" Caulis, — Sun Tau	...	lb 6	8	—
" Caulis, young, — Sun Tsoi Keung	...	" 10	7	—
" Caulis, old, — Lo Keung	...	" 10	10	—
" Caulis, Shanghai, — Lin Kau	...	" 20	45	—
" Caulis, — Shuk Mai	...	" 8	6	4
" Caulis, young, — Shing Shing Tsoi	...	lb 8	1	—
" Caulis, — Ma Tai	...	lb 10	6	6
" Mandarin, — Kwei	...	" 14	10	8
" Lian Mai	...	" 14	10	8
" Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shang Tso Ka li	...	lb 75	—	—
" Mushrooms, — Pan Shu	...	lb 18	1	10
" Mushrooms, — Young Chung Tai li	...	lb 10	6	1
" Mushrooms, Green, — Shang Chung	...	lb 6	4	6
" Mushrooms, Shanghai, — Sheng-ho	...	Chung Tai	—	—
" Mushrooms, — Kun Tsoi	...	" 6	8	—
" Mushrooms, Sweet, — Pan Shu	...	" 80	80	8
" Mushrooms, — Yat Pan Shu Tai li	...	" 5	3	—
" Mushrooms, — Fu Ki Shu Tai li	...	" 8	8	10
" Mushrooms, — Tung Kwa	...	" 4	3	4
" Mushrooms, — Hung Lo Pak Tai	...	" 8	—	—
" Mushrooms, Fresh, — Tai Wong	...	" 8	—	12
" Mushrooms, — Hong Chung Tai	...	" 6	8	8
" Mushrooms, — Yin Tsoi	...	" 6	4	—
" Mushrooms, — Pan Ko	...	" 12	7	7
" Mushrooms, — Wu Tai	...	" 5	6	—
" Mushrooms, Fresh, (Long), — Lo Pak	...	" 6	6	—
" Mushrooms, Marrow, — Tai Kwa	...	" 4	4	—
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Social Problems and the Ancient Wisdom will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday, July 16, at 5.15 p.m. All are welcome.—Adv.

At Colombo, Mr. Justice Jayewardene has dismissed the appeal of Mr. Charles Alfred Stanton, proprietor of the Stanton's Midway Shows, in Darley Road, Colombo, who was charged with having run a common gaming place. The Magistrate Mr. Mervyn Joseph, convicted the accused and imposed a fine of Rs. 5 as the police had been shown the games before they were started and had not then objected to them. Stanton's Midway Shows, played for a time in Kowloon last year, until the Government took measures to suppress the "common gaming."

Following upon his retirement from the editorship of the "Malaya Tribune," Mr. C. H. Stanley Jones, sailed for Home on July 8 by the "Suva Maru," accompanied by Mrs. Jones and their son. Mr. Jones joined the "Tribune" staff four and a half years ago, and has had the unique experience of editing a newspaper during his first agreement. During the illness of Mr. W. Arthur Wilson, he acted as editor, and after Mr. Wilson joined the "Malay Mail" at Kuala Lumpur he took over the editorship with much success. Mr. Jones was very popular with his fellow newspaper men, and will be missed by a large circle of friends in Singapore. At an informal gathering at the "Straits Times" office on July 7 a presentation was made to Mr. Jones by the newspaper staffs of Singapore and the heartfelt good wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jones for the future. Mr. Jones will take charge of a newspaper in Northamptonshire, on his arrival at Home.

The "Daily Express" says that Malcolm MacDonald, the Prime Minister's second son, who is taking an economic course at Oxford prior to entering journalism, has been "gated" for the remainder of the term for a breach of the rules forbidding undergraduates to participate in election meetings. Malcolm participated at a meeting at the Town Hall in support of Mr. Lindsay at a recent by-election.

An enquiry held by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday into the circumstances attending the death of an Indian constable who was found shot at Laichikok, after having been missing from Shamshui Police Station, was adjourned.

When three Chinese youths were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with using the wrong side of the roadway on their bicycles, all three pleaded that they were cutting across the road. Pointing out the regulations in regard to this, the Magistrate (Mr. Hamilton) imposed a fine of \$2 each.

Owing to the recent floods, both golf courses at Fanling will be closed until Saturday, unless otherwise notified.

AFLOAT AGAIN.

S.S. "HALF-MOON."

A cable from Colon states that the s.s. "Half-Moon" of American register, bound from New York to Batavia, which ran aground in the Panama Canal, near Darien, has been got off. Yesterday's cable announced that tugs had been sent from Colon to assist the vessel.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The many friends of Mr. Frank Smyth will regret to hear that a cable was received in the Colony on Saturday to the effect that he is seriously ill at Home, following an operation.

Capt. D. R. Wahl, returned from Manila by s.s. "President" Cleveland yesterday morning. Passengers passing through on the same vessel include Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Boyle, Mr. C. Bartholomew, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Emery and family, General Darwin A. Utter and Lieut. C. W. Shaffer.

M. Yves du Courthiel, the new French Consul-General in Hongkong, arrived by the s.s. "Amazon," having embarked at Djibouti. M. Tulasne is to be transferred to Shanghai.

The following passengers left by the s.s. "Anchises"—Mr. T. Davis, Mrs. L. Zimmerman, Miss A. Zakarian, Mr. and Mrs. Boisevain, Mrs. T. M. Lamb and two children, for Singapore. For Marseilles, Mr. S. H. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Field were passengers. Those booking to London included—Mr. E. O. Reis, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Robinson and infant, Mrs. P. Mathieson and infant, Mr. C. Kearsley, Mr. P. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hooper.

TIENTSIN'S PLIGHT.

CONFERENCE HELD.

A telegram despatched from Tientsin to the "Daily Bulletin" last night, reads:—Chinese and foreign officials conferred this morning and agreed to repair the outer and inner dykes around the city.

The Haiho Conservancy's engineer, M. Pincione, recommends cutting the dyke of the Peiyunho, etc.

The "Peking and Tientsin Times" asserts that this is the only way of saving Tientsin, and advocates immediate cutting, and the placing of guards to prevent attacks by the frightened villagers, who can be removed to the city for safety.

The German Bund to-day was absolutely cleared in order to build a dyke if necessary.

Many firms have already removed their cargo to the upper storeys of their godowns.

Town Threatened.

A Reuter message, received from Tientsin last night, stated that, according to the "Peking and Tientsin Times," the city is threatened with disastrous floods owing to the heavy rains in the hinterland.

It is estimated that the Hsinto is discharging 1,200 cubic metres of water per second, or twelve times the river's capacity.

Experts state that it is beyond the power of human agency to prevent the vast area flooding. Only drastic action can save Tientsin.

It is recommended that the Peiyunho dyke be cut, thus allowing the flood-waters to run to the sea north and south of Tientsin. This action, however, would flood many villages.

TENNIS LEAGUE TABLE

I DIVISION.				
	P.	W.	L.	P.
K.C.C.	3	4	0	4
U.S.R.C.	5	4	1	4
I.R.C.	4	3	1	4
C.R.C.	5	2	3	2
H.K.C.C.	5	1	4	1
University	5	0	5	0
II DIVISION.				
	P.	W.	L.	P.
C.R.C. (B)	11	10	1	10
H.K.C.C.	12	9	3	9
C.R.C. (A)	8	8	0	8
I.R.C. (A)	9	8	1	8
I.R.C. (B)	10	7	3	7
G.S.G.C.	12	6	3	6
U.S.R.C.	8	5	3	5
K.C.C. (A)	10	5	5	5
N.T.C.	9	2	7	2
University	7	2	5	2
C. de R.	6	2	4	2
K.C.C. (B)	12	2	10	2
C.C.C. (A)	6	1	5	1
C.C.C. (B)	10	0	10	0

FAMOUS CASE.

MRS. RUSSELL WINS HER APPEAL.

HUSBAND'S EVIDENCE INADMISSIBLE.

House of Lords.—The Earl of Birkenhead, Viscount Finlay, and Lords Dunedin, Sumner, and Carson.

The appeal of Mrs. Christabel Russell against the decree nisi granted to her husband, the Hon. John Hugo Russell, son and heir of Lord Amthill, who alleged that he was not the father of her child, was allowed by the decisions of the majority of their lordships.

Lords Birkenhead, Finlay, and Dunedin were in favour of the appeal being allowed, and Lords Sumner and Carson dissented.

Lord Birkenhead, who delivered the leading judgment said that in its passage through the courts this long-drawn-out litigation (the case was first before the courts in 1922) had been so much reduced that only one main issue, and that of law, survived. His impression was that unless the evidence given by the husband was in law receivable there was no evidence of adultery to go to the jury. The question, if he was right, which their lordships had to decide was whether or not by the law of England evidence could be tendered by a spouse and received by a court with the object of a possible result of bastardising a child of the marriage.

He had formed the clear opinion that such evidence was not receivable; that it ought not to have been allowed to go to the jury; and that unless there was other evidence proper to go to them the verdict could not stand.

"Glaring Absurdity."

Lord Birkenhead continued: If in an issue where the child himself is a party—a legitimacy proceeding in the true sense—it is against public policy to admit the evidence of a parent to prove the bastardy of that child, why should an entirely different policy permit such evidence in the case where a vital issue is still the legitimacy of the child, even though it be raised for a different purpose and perhaps with secondary emphasis?

Nor ought we to shut our eyes to the glaring absurdity in which a different decision would involve the administration of this branch of the law. This evidence, we are told, is admissible in divorce; being therefore so received it bastardises the child. But if and when the child, as in this case he certainly will do, becoming of age, applies for his writ in this House, and proceedings follow, the evidence will not be admissible and he will be pronounced legitimate. Equally, of course, if the child instituted proceedings to-morrow for a declaration of legitimacy we should be afforded the agreeable prospect of holding judicially in 1924 that the infant was illegitimate; and in 1925 that he was legitimate.

Nothing but absolute necessity, founded upon decisions binding upon me, would drive me to a conclusion so ludicrous and incongruous. I find here no such necessity. On the contrary, by adhering to an ancient rule of the highest authority, in its natural and ordinary meaning, adding nothing to it but giving full effect to the terms in which it has been expressed, I am able to avoid an inconsistency which would rightly bring the law into disrepute.

Decorum.

Lord Finlay said:—It is not decent that husband or wife should give evidence to bastardise the issue of the wife during the marriage, however decorous the evidence might be in itself. It cannot be admitted, irrespective of the fact that if it were admitted it might run into details of a positively indecent character, such as were found in the present case.

The rule has been recognised in a great variety of cases. There is no ground for the suggestion that it is confined to cases in which it is sought to establish legitimacy or illegitimacy. It applies in every case in which, for any purpose, it becomes necessary to determine the question whether a child born of the wife during the marriage is the child of the husband. The same rule applies to declarations on the subject of the paternity of the child made by the husband or the wife out of court just as much as to evidence given in court.

It has been applied in many cases; for example, in actions of ejectment, when the title depended on the legitimacy of a particular person—in cases as to the parish of settlement of paupers, which might depend on a question as to the legitimacy of an infant pauper—in Peerage cases, in which the right to the Peerage depended on the question of the legitimacy of a child born of a married woman. It is now suggested that the establishment of the Divorce

Court and the Act of 1859, allowing parties to proceedings in consequence of adultery to give evidence, have changed the rule of evidence as to proof of non-access.

Point Never Decided.

It appears that in the Divorce Court a practice has grown up of admitting such evidence by husband and wife, to the extent of allowing proof by them as to absence at the material time. The admission of such evidence must in many cases shorten cases and save expense. There is great pressure of business in the Divorce Court, a great many of the cases are undefended, and, in the cases in which a defence has been entered, very commonly both parties are equally anxious to get a divorce. The point has never really been seriously considered and adjudicated upon.

We have been referred to the practice of admitting the evidence of the husband and wife in nullity suits, and in suits for cruelty as between husband and wife. Such suits have no relevance to the present question. In them there is no question of paternity, or of bastardising issue. It is immaterial with what object such evidence is given, but, unless there is a child, and the evidence is to show that that child is not the child of the husband, the rule never comes into play at all.

It is admitted that evidence of non-access by husband or wife is inadmissible in Peerage cases, in legitimacy cases, and in actions of ejectment for land. To what an extraordinary state would the admission of this evidence in the present case reduce the law of England? The infant may be illegitimate for the purpose of proving adultery; but legitimate for the purpose of succeeding to property or a title?

Legitimacy Secure.

Lord Dunedin said:—It may be said that such harm as can be done to the child is already done. His legitimacy in law is secure, his legitimacy in the eyes of the world has perished with the verdict. It is, indeed, a misfortune for him, if my view is right, that the evidence was ever admitted, even if we find it was wrongly admitted.

If this evidence was wrongly admitted, the verdict goes, and whether the verdict, even on the evidence, was right or not can never be a concluded question.

Lords Sumner and Carson were of opinion that the evidence was rightly admitted, and that Mrs. Russell's appeal should consequently be dismissed. Lord Sumner said:—

It is, of course, impossible not to be very fully alive to the fact that this case excites and will continue to excite warm feelings of sympathy, commiseration, and chivalry. Some will be on the side of the husband, more of the wife, most of the child. I recognise that such sensibilities are respectable and deep, but they do not concern the law.

You cannot give the spouses the legal right to have their married life investigated in open court, with a view to its formal and legal termination, without being prepared when necessary to violate the sanctity of that life. The law recognises this.

Logical Solution.

The Divorce Court sits that the secrets of married life may be divulged. Its decorum is preserved by those who preside and those who practise in it, and is preserved with extraordinary success but to exclude a particular class of evidence when it is given by one person, and not when it is given by another, is a thing that can only prejudice that decorum by making it plain that the court is being kept in the dark on a material part of the case, while making the sanctity of matrimonial intercourse the subject of prurient curiosity and malicious gibes as before.

To my mind, the only logical and legal solution is to recognise what is legally true, that a divorce petition and a legitimacy issue are distinct, to apply the rule which is essentially a legitimacy rule, when, but only when, courts have been wont to apply it before, and to establish in a court, which exercises a distinct and statutory jurisdiction, the principle that all relevant evidence is admissible unless it is excluded by Act of Parliament.

Lord Carson's View.

Lord Carson said he could find no rule of law which excluded the husband's evidence to prove his wife's adultery, and he was therefore of opinion that the verdict of the jury, which could not be challenged if the evidence was admissible, should stand, and that this appeal should be dismissed.

At the conclusion of Lord Carson's judgment Lord Birkenhead, addressing Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., for Mr. Russell, said:—Having regard to the decision of the majority of their lordships,

it will be necessary for you and your friends to apply your minds to the question whether or not it is desired to argue whether there is other evidence proper to be given of the wife's adultery. If you desire to argue that, we shall make arrangements for hearing you and give time for the matter to be disposed of before the Whitsuntide recess.

Sir Edward Marshall Hall suggested that it would be a better course if their lordships allowed the appeal, and then as far as their lordship were concerned the matter would be disposed of. Then, if the matter were not set down in a short time, Mrs. Russell could apply to have the petition dismissed. He hoped their lordships would take that course, as he thought it would be the least expensive—the burden on the husband had been very heavy.

Their lordships ordered that Mrs. Russell, having failed on certain issues—though succeeding on others—should pay Mr. Russell's costs in respect of those in which she failed. The appeal was then allowed, the husband to pay the costs of the appeal apart from those referred to.

Mr. Russell can, if he desires, apply for a new trial in the courts below.

DESK CALENDAR.

We have received from The Hongkong Small Investors' Share and Real Estate Co., 8 Des Voeux Road (2nd floor), copies of a most useful desk calendar. We are asked to mention that the company will be pleased to issue them to clients or others.

HABIT OF READING.

THREATENED BY MODERN CONDITIONS.

Viscount Grey, addressing the Royal Society of Literature, regretted that modern conditions were putting the pleasure of reading more and more in jeopardy.

It was becoming more and more difficult to acquire the habit of reading. First the penny post, then railways, motor-cars, the telephone, wireless, and the cinema were added distractions to thoughtful people, taking from them time that might be given to the pleasure of reading.

A further disadvantage," he added, "is the great development of picture papers, which are more and more diverting people not only from reading but from talk."

Alluding to poetry, he said it was essential that the habit of reading poetry should be acquired when people were young, because what we acquired when we were young stood by us in after life.

Passengers leaving by the "Siberia Maru" included Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smyth, M. and Mme. R. T. Tulasne, and Mr. L. Tobias.

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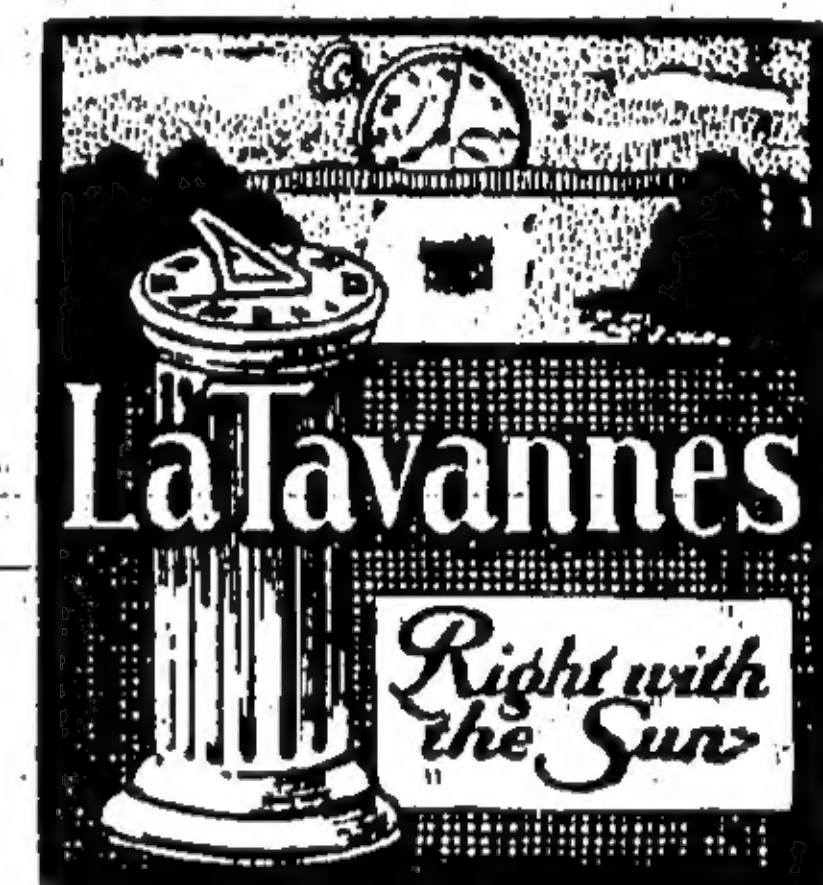
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SENT TO PRISON FOR THREE MONTHS.

DEFENCE RIDDLED UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed by Mr. G. W. King on Norman W. Bowler, at the conclusion of his trial in the British Police Court Shanghai, upon charges of having obtained a motor-car and various other things by means of false pretences and with intent to defraud.

When the hearing was resumed, reports the N.C. Daily News, accused gave evidence at length in his defence, reading from a prepared statement of his case. He began by saying that, as might be imagined, the last case against him left a certain stigma upon his character which made it difficult for him to find employment. He went on to speak of his employment at the Taylor Garage, saying he was discharged because the services of a qualified accountant were required, and then gave details of his interview with Mr. Carter Rea at the office of the Far Eastern Review, it was agreed between them that he should endeavour to obtain advertisements and subscribers for the Asiatic Motor. It was also understood that if possible he would obtain advertisements for the Far Eastern Review, but he was not specifically engaged for the latter journal. As the Asiatic Motor and the Far Eastern Review were closely related, in that they were both published from the same offices, that of the Far Eastern Review Publishing Co., he considered himself justified in using the Far Eastern Review as an address. Bowler drew an analogy between his position and that of a person working for the British Cigarette Co., who would most certainly sign his address as the B.A.T., those offices being in the same building. He denied, therefore, using a false pretence in giving the address of the Far Eastern Review which might only be regarded as separate and distinct from a legal sense, as, say, in connection with bankruptcy proceedings.

EASE OF OBTAINING CREDIT.

Dealing with cases brought against him by Messrs. Squires, Ringham, Boyes, Bassett, Ullmann & Co. and Watson & Co., he said that both Mr. Squires and Mr. Boyes knew him and had done business with him before. In both instances he signed the cheques before they knew who he was working for, and without asking any questions. Mr. Boyes agreed that he might have credit. As to Messrs. Watson and Messrs. Ullmann, he did not tell them that he was actually a member of the staff of the Far Eastern Review but he claimed he was justified in giving that address because it was the parent paper of the Far Eastern Review Publishing Company. It was exceedingly easy, accused continued, to obtain credit in Shanghai. It might be a pity, but the fact remained that any Tom, Dick or Harry could obtain credit for the asking. This being the general rule from Suez to Yokohama, he did not see how he could be convicted for having utilized it. He denied having used any false pretence in the case of the Young Photo Company. His driving up in a motor-car was not done to impress the manager of the shop; in fact, he parked the car some 200 yards away from the premises. In this case, as in the others, he gave his address as 16 Jinkee Road where he certainly could be found, and it was, not likely he would have given this address had he wished to act fraudulently.

THE MOTOR-CAR.

With regard to the motor-car, Bowler went on to say that he first visited the Horse Bazaar to see a car belonging to a friend, and got into conversation with the salesman about other cars. At that time he (accused) had two or three people interested in purchasing cars; in fact, two weeks previously he made arrangements with another garage in Shanghai for the sale of a roadster with a Shanghai sports body very similar to the car he was accused of having obtained with intent to defraud. Therefore he naturally took an interest in the Studebaker which Mr. Harnovick showed to him, especially as the price was £1,900 and his own client has agreed to pay £1,200. He told Mr. Harnovick he might be able to sell one or two cars for him, and

signed an agreement to purchase the Studebaker. His client agreed to have the car if it was in good condition; but unfortunately he later decided not to have it. The car had then been handed over to accused, the Horse Bazaar having agreed to dispense with deposit money. This left him with the car on his own hands and with no facilities to pay for it, and he began to look round for another purchaser. Had he done so, it would have been impossible for him to have kept the money himself. When one sold a car, in Shanghai and anywhere else in the world, one had to give a bill of sale, which had to be transferred every time a car changed hands. Therefore it would have been absolutely necessary for him to have paid the Horse Bazaar before he could have handed the car over to a client.

IMPORTANCE OF AN ADDRESS.

Accused protested that, if he had meant to act wrong, address, since he gave the name of some reputable firm, such as Jardine Matheson, Butterfield and Swire, or the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, it would have been easy to obtain credit. Instead of this, he gave his proper address, even telling the Horse Bazaar that he lived at the Y.M.C.A. As for the shroffs finding him, they ought all to be detectives, for they very easily scented a man out. It had been complained that he described himself as a broker, but there was nothing false about this. He did not say he was an exchange broker, a tea broker, or any other kind of broker, and his interpretation of the word was, an agent, or middleman, or one who bought and sold for others. In conclusion, accused expressed regret for any inconvenience he had caused, and said he was very willing as far as was possible to put things right with the people from whom he had obtained these things.

UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Accused was cross-examined at length by Mr. Maitland, who conducted the prosecution. He said that he had earned some small commission in connection with a property sale, but did not know exactly where the property was. You bought two cigarette cases and two cameras without there being the faintest chance of your being able to pay for them?—I would not say "without the faintest chance." Supposing I had sold this car!

Who was going to buy it? That I am not willing to state. But I had a client who proposed to buy a Cadillac.

Why did you pawn the camera immediately you got it from Watson?—Because I wanted some money.

Yes, you got the camera with the idea of selling it; cheap and living on the proceeds?—It might be that I got the camera with the idea of selling it cheap and living perhaps, but it does not follow that I never intended to pay for it.

And you did the same with the other cigarette cases and for the same reason?—That might be true.

What were you doing, in fact, was to go round signing cheques in the name of a respectable firm and pawning the proceeds to live on?—True. But that does not mean I had no intention of paying for the things.

THE ASSUMED NAME. The Magistrate—You will have to show me that you had a reasonable chance of paying.

Accused—I have just said that there was the prospect of my being able to sell two motor-cars, which is sufficient proof that I was endeavouring to do some kind of work.

Mr. Maitland—Even if you had sold three cars, the commission due would have been a drop in the ocean compared with what you owe. What have you paid off the Arts and Crafts accounts?—May be that is true, but the money would have been of some assistance.

Why did you sign your name as "Bowen"?—I signed my own name as a matter of fact.

Why did you print the name Bowen?—I did not wish Mr. Harnovick to know that I was Bowler.

Why?—Because it might have influenced his doing any further business.

So you wanted to deceive him?—Well, I was not exactly deceiving him, but it might have influenced him.

What is it but deceit if you make him think you are somebody else?—Well, in a way it is.

Is it anything else but deliberate deceit?—If you think it is deceit, all right.

A DELIBERATE LIE.

Why did you say you were

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FORECAST OF CABINET.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, July 14. The President submitted the nomination of Dr. W. W. Yen as Premier to Parliament at 9.30 last night. As no official business is transacted on Sunday and the next meeting of Parliament will be on Tuesday the idea was to give Parliament as much time as possible to consider the nomination before the next meeting. It is by no means certain, however, that the vote will be taken on Tuesday, as the political groups in the Houses are by no means unanimous in favour of Dr. Yen. The Members of the Forty-Second Club are apparently willing to support Dr. Yen for the Premiership, if their own plan can be made Minister of Finance, while the smaller groups on the Opposition side have each an axe to grind. The Government supporters, or Constitutional Party, appear confident, however, that Dr. Yen will find a sufficient majority in favour of his appointment, and already a list of probable members of the new Cabinet has been drawn up. It consists of the following:

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